

Talk Of War Undiminished

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—A despatch from Vladivostok, dated today, and issued here by a semi-official agency, says the Russian fleet at Vladivostock has been fully equipped for immediate service and prepared for sea. All the wood fittings of the ships were removed yesterday. The harbor is being kept open by ice-breakers.

The fleet consists of four cruisers, the Gromoboy of 12,336 tons; the Rossia, 12,130 tons; the Bogatyr, of 5,750 tons, and the Rurik, of 10,330 tons, and a transport, the Lena.

Paris, Feb. 2.—A Washington despatch printed here late today, saying the United States, France and Great Britain were likely to take action, having the effect of isolating Japan if she persisted in being irreconcilable, attracted much attention and comment.

Most of the evening papers say peace would be uncertain if Great Britain and the United States abstain from supporting Japan. The officials here

say France has not yet been consulted relative to such a movement, but it is pointed out that if Japan became isolated it would arise from the course of Great Britain and the United States, owing to their interests and sympathies, whereas French sympathy would be with her political ally, Russia.

The publication of the Washington despatch led to a more hopeful tone, as it was regarded as strong evidence that Great Britain and the United States would succeed in influencing Japan to achieve a peaceful adjustment.

M. Moton, the Japanese minister in an interview in the Times, is quoted as saying: "They know nothing at Tokyo concerning the accounts of the Russian answer, and Baron Komura, Japanese foreign minister, will know its contents only when he has the reply itself before him. For the present we are in a state of expectancy and uncertainty."

"Some of the reports referring to the insurrections on Japan appear to arise from lack of knowledge of the texts of the notes."

The Temps, in its diplomatic notes, refers to a visit of Sir Edmund J. Montagu, the British ambassador to Foreign Minister Denlege yesterday.

Commenting on this visit, the paper says: "The British government maintains the same pacific attitude that it has taken from the beginning of the crisis. There is no thought this week that Great Britain and the United States would succeed in influencing Japan to achieve a peaceful adjustment."

Washington, Feb. 2.—The attention of the American department being called to

the Paris telegram quoting an alleged Washington despatch to the effect that the United States was co-operating with England and France to bring pressure to bear upon Japan in the interests of peace, it was stated today by the acting secretary of state there had been no such concerted action; that the United States had not, and would not, act with any other power on the matter.

Paris, Feb. 2.—3:47 p.m.—The Hayas agency has circulated a despatch to the effect that Russia's reply to Japan, the substance of which has been communicated to the foreign chancelleries everywhere, has created an impression that war will be avoided.

Views have been exchanged between the United States, France and Great Britain on the subject, and the concessions therein go beyond general expectation, and illustrate the sentiments of equality and loyalty actuating the Czar. If, in spite of the very large satisfaction Japan will receive, continues the despatch, "the issue of the crisis should be war, Japan will incur the responsibility, and find herself morally isolated."

The reply the Hayas agency says, only awaits its final drafting and will be presented February 6th.

The French Foreign Office authorizes a denial of the report printed in New York and emanating from Paris, to the effect that the French and British governments had agreed to exert pressure on Japan for the acceptance of the coming Russian reply. It is specifically asserted that no changes relative to the Russo-Japanese situation have occurred between the French and British governments for more than ten days. Some small diplomatic communication were current, a general understanding was reached by which each, in their own way, Great Britain at Tokio, and France at St. Petersburg, would seek to secure a pacific adjustment, but this related to the former condition, when the Japanese note was pending. Since then there has been no agreement and no negotiations towards an agreement concerning the coming Russian reply.

MORE NOMINATIONS.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—The following nominations were held yesterday for the House of Commons: Kamouraska, Mr. Lapointe, Liberal; Mantmagny, Armand Lavergne, Liberal; St. John, N. B., Dr. J. W. Dance, Conservative.

S. H. LATHROP DEAD.

Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Stephen Hubbard Lathrop, formerly a prominent banker and flour manufacturer, and cashier in the Oswego customs house under four presidents, died today aged 89 years.

SIR RICHARD'S SON.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Capt. A. D. Cartwright, banker of this city, was appointed secretary of the Dominion Railways Commission at a salary of \$4,000 per year. He is a son of Sir Richard Cartwright.

J. PIERPONT TRAVELING.

Saratoga, Feb. 2.—J. Pierpont Morgan's special train en route from New York city to Montreal passed through here at 2:34 this afternoon. Mr. Morgan was accompanied by a number of friends.

THREATENED INSURRECTION.

Vienna, Feb. 2.—A despatch received here from Sofia, Bulgaria, says the chiefs of the Macedonian revolutionary organization in the interior have sent circulars to the members of the organization ordering a renewal of the insurrection.

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Austin Chamberlain Defends His Honorable Friend From West Birmingham.

Cleavage of Political Parties Presents Startling Anomalies in House.

Premier Balfour Absent and Lead Falls on Chancellor of Exchequer.

London, Feb. 2.—"My Right Hon. friend, the member from West Birmingham," as Austin Chamberlain described his father, was the central figure in the drama that marked the opening of parliament today. For the first time in years Joseph Chamberlain took his seat as a private member of the House of Commons, and was separated from his former colleagues by the partition by the gangway. From this seat he sat as the sole leader of the House of Commons, a position which Joseph Chamberlain with all his years of parliamentary experience, never attained.

Premier Balfour was unable to be present because of influenza.

When Austin Chamberlain rose to reply on behalf of the party of which his father is supposed to be the most powerful member, the House was spell-bound. It had been expected Sir Aclers-Douglas would take the Premier's place, and interest was also heightened by the fact that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, has just concluded a merciless satire on Joseph Chamberlain. The situation was without parallel in the reelection of the eldest politician, and all eyes were fixed alternately upon father and son. Joseph Chamberlain, who had sat unmoved under the ridicule of the Liberal leader, turned nervously towards his son, who now takes precedence over him. With his monocle in his eye, an orchid in his buttonhole, and his hands clasped across his knee, the most prominent figure in the British Empire listened while his son defended him.

Austin Chamberlain spoke haltingly and under evident strain; yet when he referred to his father it was always as "the member from West Birmingham." Now and again jeers greeted Austin Chamberlain, whereupon with unmistakable anger his father turned his glance in the direction of the offender, and occasionally Joseph Chamberlain cheered his son on.

Austin Chamberlain neared the conclusion of his defense of the attitude of Premier Balfour and his father towards the fiscal question, the interruptions grew more frequent, and the chancellor of the exchequer clutched the brass bound treasury box on which Gladstone was so fond of leaning, and addressed his remarks almost solely in the direction of his father. Defiantly Austin Chamberlain accused Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman of attacking the Premier in his absence, and with a touch of pride he said: "The member from West Birmingham is here; he can speak for and look after himself."

The House frankly applauded his speech and the proceedings, one of the most extraordinary personal situations that ever had occurred, and the speech as one of the weakest defences of the government's policy ever made.

On behalf of Premier Balfour, Austin Chamberlain declared the House of Commons must first decide whether or not it desired any change at all in the fiscal system, and until that point was settled, the opposition demand for details of the government's fiscal reform policy could not be granted.

A short time after the death was announced Doctors Hall and Poole left the house. They declared they had no statement to make at that time. Asked if the patient was under the second operation at the time of death, they refused to answer.

His Majesty's speech from the throne is generally regarded as having merely recorded facts already known, while the government's executive programme has been announced already in these despatches.

In the House of Lords the only noteworthy incident was the absence of the Duke of Devonshire (formerly secretary for Scotland) from the ministerial bench, but the House of Peers ended the session with a positivity that quite belied the party cleavage.

In the House of Commons the cleavage was most apparent, for Charles T. Ritchie, formerly chancellor of the exchequer, and Lord George Hamilton, formerly secretary for India, both took their seats below the gangway, and directly in front of Joseph Chamberlain, and curiously enough, between Lord Ritchie and the bitter opponent of the former colonial secretary, and Jesse Collings, his most faithful adherent. As one member said, "Everything is at sixes and sevens."

The government is not likely to be turned out on John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, which is against any return to protective duties; but the general impression prevails that the government will not be able to keep its forces together to see the session to an end.

The text of the amendment to the address in the reply to the speech from the throne, which was moved by Mr. Morley, and which was adopted by the majority of the opposition, is as follows: "It is our duty, however, to present to Your Majesty that the government's executive programme has been impaired by conflicting declarations from Your Majesty's ministers. We respectfully submit the judgment of this House that the removal of protective tariffs has for more than half a century actively conducted the amount of trade and commerce of the realm and the welfare of the population. This House believes that, while the needs for social improvement are still great and urgent, and are returning protective duties, and more particularly will improve the food of the people, will be deeply injurious to the national strength, contentment and well-being."

Sir Henry severely arraigned the government's attitude on the fiscal question and announced that John Morley would, in a few days, introduce a more comprehensive amendment involving the non-enforcement of some of the regulations.

Austin Chamberlain, the chancellor of the exchequer, defended the government, whose fiscal policy, he said, had been clearly to stand by the premier. All the government asked was freedom to negotiate, which would enable it to preserve the open door and freedom to trade.

The sitting was suspended at 7.30 p.m.

The Irish party, which now almost holds the balance of power, had a conference during the day and decided to take no action until the government has defined its intentions toward the Catholic university and the amendment to the present university act, and for the present will probably abstain from voting on any division that would endanger the whole.

Sir Robert Finlay, towards the close of the night session said he intended to

A RELIC OF BY-GONE DAYS.



INTERIOR OF FORT VICTORIA, IN 1858, LOOKING EAST, SHOWING THE FORT STREET GATE

Government street ran along the outside of the stockade, and at the corner of that street and what is now Bastion street stood the historical bastion. The building behind the bell tower was the mess house, Governor Blanchard occupying the room at the northern corner. The windows in the centre of the building were those of the mess room, next to which was the office of the lands and works department, presided over by the late J. D. Pemberton. The entrance at the southern end of the building was that to the private apartments of Governor Douglas. The building on the south of the gate was known as "Bachelors' Hall." The first window from the gateway being that of the late J. W. McKay, the next being that of Hon. J. S. Helmcken, M. D. The chaplain, Rev. Mr. Stairs, also had his residence in this building, while the board school, over which he presided, was conducted in the second story.

Sudden Death Of W. C. Whitney

Ex-Secretary of United States Navy Succumbs to An Operation.

End Entirely Unexpected and a Severe Shock to His Friends.

New York, Feb. 2.—W. C. Whitney is dead. He was taken ill at the performance of "Parsifal" last Thursday afternoon and was compelled to return to his home. As his indisposition continued, physicians were called in, and, after dinner, it was said that Mr. Whitney was suffering from appendicitis. An operation was decided upon, and it was performed Saturday night.

It was first thought that Mr. Whitney had every chance of surviving the operation and bulletins which were not unfavorable were issued as late as this afternoon. In view of the bulletins issued today, the announcement of Mr. Whitney's death was a surprise. Arrangements had been made to issue a bulletin each day, but it was said at his residence at noon today that his condition was not sufficiently grave to warrant further bulletins.

A statement was made at Mr. Whitney's house that death was due to peritonitis and blood poisoning after an operation for appendicitis. In end was entirely unexpected, and the patient seemed to be rallying from the operation.

Conservatives In Annual Session

Full List of the Resolutions Passed at the Late Convention.

Officers of the Organization Appointed For This Year.

Owing to lack of space in yesterday's issue we were unable to publish the following resolution which were all adopted at the Liberal-Conservative convention held the previous evening:

Moved that the policy of the Liberal-Conservative party, as expounded by the opposition under the distinguished leadership of Mr. R. L. Borden, K. C., has the hearty support of this convention.

This convention expresses its satisfaction that there is now a Liberal-Conservative provincial government in power in this province, and endorses the government under the leadership of the Hon. Richard McBride.

Resolved, that the Conservative national policy is the most effective means of protecting Canadian industries, and that a revision of the tariff is necessary to adequately protect the Canadian market from being made the dumping ground of foreign manufacturers, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. R. L. Borden, K. C., leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in Canada.

This convention desires to express its unbounded faith in the Right Hon. Mr. Chamberlain, and in his endeavors to consolidate the British Empire.

Whereas, it is anticipated that there will, within the year, be a Dominion general election to be contested, and

Whereas, this is in provincial affairs, though a Conservative government is now in power, still consider that it is necessary to exert every influence to strengthen not only the hands of the government, but of the party.

Be it resolved, that in the opinion of this convention it is advisable to adopt immediate active steps looking to a thorough and complete organization of the whole province, as a preliminary to any campaign which may have to be faced, and that the executive of the Provincial Conservative Union be instructed to organize a campaign for the purpose of having every portion of the province completely organized, every community to be canvassed, and working committees selected and kept together, and that all members of the party generally, be appealed to for a subscription in aid of the necessary costs of such a campaign of organization.

Resolved, that whereas the contributions from the province of British Columbia to the federal treasury, as compared with the benefits received in return have for a number of years been disproportionately great;

And whereas, our physical conditions, as compared with other provinces, render the cost of administration unduly burdensome;

And whereas, the representatives of the other provinces at the Quebec international conference in 1902 prepared a memorandum to the Dominion government which was formally submitted, unanimously declaring for a general readjustment of the terms of union;

The members of this association unhesitatingly endorse the repeated representations made by the province of British Columbia to the authorities at Ottawa with a view to obtaining special consideration of our claims for increased subventions; and also the principle of the desirability of general readjustment of the financial relations of the provinces with the Dominion.

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THE V. W. & Y. RAILWAY.
Mass Meeting at Vancouver Decides to Ask Government for Aid.

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—(Special)—At a mass meeting at the City Hall tonight a resolution was passed that a delegation proceed to Victoria tomorrow to represent the meeting to ask for a land grant to the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon railway in its extension north to the Yukon.

TO CHECK CRITICISM.

French Government to Make Reprisals on Recalcitrant Prelates.

Pearl, Feb. 2.—Premier Combes announced at a meeting of the council of ministers today his intention of taking drastic action against certain prelates for addressing open letters to Louvet, criticizing the proposed law for further restricting the teaching by members of the religious bodies. Although no names were mentioned it is well understood that the prelates referred to are Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris; Cardinal Langénieux, Archebishop of Rouen; Cardinal Gondicq and Auxiliary Bishop of Lyons, as they recently addressed letters of criticism to President Louvet. M. Combes also informed his colleagues of his intention to refer the letters to the council of state and make known the fact that the minister of justice had been charged with the preparation of a law making the criminal code applicable to prelates who publicly protest against or criticize the acts of the government.

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A Violent Break In Prices on the Cotton Market in New York.

New York, Feb. 2.—Heavy selling and a violent break in prices marked today's business on the cotton exchange, the slump being even more sensational than the recent advance.

A number of causes, chief of which was the confirmed report that Daniel J. Sully, leader of the upward movement, was about to take a vacation, were responsible for the collapse today. Quotations fell from \$6 to \$4 a bale, and utter demoralization ruled in the pit.

No failures were reported, but the violent fluctuations represent losses of millions.

"All at Sixes And Sevens"

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amend the law dealing with company cases, such as those of Whitaker Wright. He declared that after careful consideration of the evidence, it seemed to him that Wright's misstatements were really made with the view of benefiting rather than injuring the shareholders. The government will pay for Wright's prosecution.

SPEECH FROM THRONE.

In the speech from the Throne King Edward in touching on the Alaskan decision said that on some points the verdict was favorable to the British and on others it had been adverse. Much as this last circumstance was to be deplored, it must nevertheless be a matter for congratulation that the misunderstandings, in which the ancient boundary treaty made, in ignorance of the geographical facts is so fertile, have in this case been finally removed from the field of controversy.

The crisis in the Far East is touched upon briefly in the King's speech as follows: "I have watched with concern the course of negotiations between the governments of Japan and Russia in regard to their respective interests in China and Korea, and a disturbance of the peace in those regions could not but have deplorable consequences. Any assistance which my government can usefully render towards the promotion of a pacific solution will be gladly accorded."

Another point of interest in the King's speech was a reference to cotton as follows: "The insufficiency of the supply of raw material upon which the great cotton industry of this country depends has inspired me with deep concern. I trust the effort being made in various parts of my Empire to increase the area of cultivation may be attended with a larger measure of success."

The speech makes the usual reference to the satisfactory character of foreign relations, touches upon the conclusion of the Anglo-French arbitration agreement as being "a happy illustration of the friendly feelings of the two countries," and refers to the Somaliland expedition and to the Macedonian reforms, expressing the hope that the practical measures for the amelioration, so sorely needed, of these unhappy regions will be carried out during the present respite in the disturbances.

After mentioning the "political mission which, with the concurrence of the Chinese government, has entered Tibet territory in order to secure due observance of conventions," the speech said that Chinese officials had been despatched from Pekin to meet this mission and expressing a trust that an arrangement would be reached to peacefully remove the constant source of friction, the speech concluded with the warning that although the estimates have been framed with the most modest desire for economy, the burden imposed by the necessity of navy and military defence is "undoubtedly serious" and mentions some of the promised domestic legislation as already forecasted in these despatches. No suggestion of legislation concerning Ireland was contained in the King's speech.

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NOMINATIONS YESTERDAY.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Dr. J. W. Daniel was nominated by the Conservatives to contest St. John.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Conservatives tonight nominated Dr. A. Barand for the bye-election in Hochelaga county. The Liberal candidate is L. P. Rivet.

TWO KILLED IN COLLISION.

Switch Engine Runs Into Crowd of Passengers Train in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—In a collision tonight between a crowded suburban train on the Chicago Terminal railway and a switch engine, two men were killed and a score of others slightly hurt. The accident occurred as the train was leaving the station at Ashland avenue, with the car platforms crowded with people. The force of the collision tore the passenger engine's water tank from its fastenings, and it came down on the front platform of the car directly behind, killing two laborers standing there.

SUPREME COURT.

February Civil Sittings, With Large List of Cases, Very Short.

In the Supreme Court yesterday morning before Mr. Justice Martin, the February sittings for the hearing of civil cases was disposed of in less than an hour and a quarter.

Allen vs. Allen, R. T. Elliott for petitioner. By consent decree for judicial separation to be drawn up for fifteen days. McLeod vs. McLeod, divorce defendant. George Murphy for petitioner and affidavit of petitioning and an affidavit of the city of Seattle and two others, swearing to the delivery of the wife to the woman McLeod. Decree granted.

Alien vs. Alien, private action to prove the will of the late Henry Brackman in solemn form. G. H. Barnard for plaintiff. H. Wilson for defendant. Pro tem granted, costs for both to come out of the estate.

Board of Trade vs. Tupper stood over till March. Victoria Lumber Company vs. Vaughan Rains, stood over till March. Barrett vs. Elliott, stood over till March. Taylor vs. Rich to come before Mr. Justice Drake.

The court then adjourned.

Egeria Going on Slip.—H. M. S. Egeria is soon to leave her place at the Esquimalt naval yard wharf, where she has been tied up for the last month, undergoing repairs, among which is the re-caulking of her decks. She will go on the marine slip to have her hull cleaned. She will leave early in the spring on her surveying cruise.

ATROPE KNEW LAND WAS NEAR.

When Thomas McGuiness, a well-known horseman of Philadelphia, went to Europe some time ago, he took a blooded horse with him. The animal was in a specially prepared stall on deck and enjoyed the trip despite the rough weather. When Mr. McGuiness thought land should soon be sighted, he asked the captain how far the ship was from the Irish coast. The commander of the steamer, in his usual gruff manner, replied: "Your horse will tell you; watch him."

The owner of the animal could not understand what the captain meant, and he was not particularly pleased with the answer. Finally, however, a couple of hours before land was observed, the horse, which was a magnificent bay, poked his head through the grating, and, stretching his neck, whinnied loudly. "There you are," said the captain to Mr. McGuiness; "your horse smells the land." The horse was like a different animal thereafter until the coast turned up.

The captain, in explaining the odd occurrence, said that the thoroughbred detected the odor from pasture lands that was wafted far seaward, and that horses on board ocean steamers always give the first signal when land is near.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

E. C. Herzenberg of Baldwin, Michigan, discovered recently while dining on oysters, placed an oyster in his mouth which was entirely different from anything he had ever tasted before. On examination it was found to contain 140 pearls, varying in size from a pinhead to nearly that of a pea.

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**Annual Meeting
Of The J. B. A. A.****Enthusiastic Gathering of Members and Shareholders Held Last Evening.****The Annual Reports Show This Popular Institution Is Flourishing.**

An enthusiastic meeting of the members and shareholders of the J. B. A. A. was held last evening in the club house. After passing the financial accounts of the secretary-treasurer and reports of the trustees and committee of management, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C.; Vice-President—Rev. W. Baugh Allen; Trustees—J. J. Shaller, D. O'Sullivan, J. C. Bridgman, W. A. Lawson and E. T. Todd.

Committee of management—D. O'Sullivan, D. Lemming, F. W. Thomas, J. Lemming, Arthur Ker, J. A. McPavish, Frank Smith, J. A. Sutherland, Phil Austin and Carl Pendray.

The following report for the past year was then read and heartily received and endorsed:

The managing committee of the James Bay Athletic Association herewith submit the thirteenth annual report and financial statement.

We desire to report that the club is in a healthy condition. Important improvements have been made during this year such as the addition of a large new dressing room and the installation of up-to-date enamel bath tubs, and other details which will be more particularly referred to under the heading of "House."

This season has also seen the initiation of a football team in the association, which is a marked step in the direction of elevating sport, and the commencement, we hope, of a new era of activity.

We will now present for your consideration, under appropriate headings, various matters which have arisen since the last annual meeting.

HOUSE.

Your committee fully realize the fact that the expenses during the past year have been very heavy; but the improvements lately added have been a great source of satisfaction.

DRESSING ROOMS.

Acting upon the suggestion of our predecessors, plans were secured from Mr. Thomas Hooper for the erection of a dressing room and changing room, the locks and partition. Tenders were called for and the bid of Mr. J. Calder was accepted by your committee, and the work placed in his hands. Upon the work being completed, we were placed in possession of a room 60 feet long by 14 feet wide, and an addition of 37 lockers.

We are of opinion that the control over the lockers is very inadequate, and recommend that steps be taken to have all lockers under full control of the managing committee.

READING ROOM.

The reading matter has been kept up to date, and seems to give general satisfaction. The expense of this branch has been slightly reduced by the sale of magazines and illustrated weeklies, a number of the members availing themselves of this opportunity. We would recommend that this idea be carried out by future committees.

CHESS.

We are glad to report that Mr. T. H. Piper has taken hold of the chess branch, and will, no doubt, bring to a successful issue some interesting tournaments.

GYMNASIUM.

It is satisfactory to note the interest now being taken in basketball. Practice is being held regularly, especially by the

Could Not Lie On Her Left Side.**WAS TROUBLED WITH PAIN IN HER HEART FOR SIX YEARS.****Expected Her Friends Would Find Her Dead.**

Mrs. C. Bondreau, Campbellton, N.B., was completely cured by

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She tells of her experience in the following letter: "I was troubled with a pain in my heart and weakness for six years. Most of the time I could not lie on my left side. I consulted a doctor but got no relief and was completely discouraged. I did not think I would live long and expected my friends would find me dead. A friend brought me a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and I took them to please her, not thinking they would do many good. I had not used half the box when I commenced to feel myself getting better and by the time I had taken two boxes I was completely cured and can recommend them to all sufferers from heart trouble."

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which our crews were invited to be present. A senior crew, composed of W. W. Wilson, D. T. Jones, T. F. Geiger and G. L. Goss, of Victoria, O. C., succeeded in capturing the three events for which they entered. Handsome trophies for all these events were promised the victors, but as yet they have not come to hand.

The N. P. A. A. O. regatta was held at Vancouver, in the month of July, and for the first time we were in a position to enter in the sculling events, so making a complete entry list.

Our association met its only reverses in the championships events of the first day, when our junior crew, composed of A. Maclean, F. Dillabough, J. B. Green and F. Dresser, went down to defeat. Had they not been heavily handicapped by the loss of their fin their chances of victory were good; as it was they took second place.

In the junior singles, Mr. T. F. Geiger won with ease, as did also Messrs. D. T. Jones and Geiger in the junior doubles, Mr. Desbrisay, in the senior singles.

On the following day our series of victories was continued by defeating the Vancouver crew in the senior lapstreak event.

Messrs. F. Macrae, K. F. Wolaston, J. C. Bridgman and H. J. Austin represented our association.

The principal event of the regatta then followed, when, after a splendid race, in which four crews competed, our boys showed their superiority, and for the second time in succession won for us the championship trophy, the handsome trophies which at present adorn our club rooms. One more win will make them our permanent property. This should prove a powerful incentive for strenuous efforts during the coming season.

Five crews lined up for the senior doubles, Messrs. O'Sullivan and Desbrisay won this event in beautiful style.

The single tandem canoe events were won by Messrs. Gore and Patton, representing our club.

In August we added another event to our annual programme by entering the Astoria regatta. For several years this has been in contemplation, but hitherto could not be arranged. There were no other local opponents—Vancouver and Victoria—and again victory perchance on the Blue and White pennant. Several California crews were also present at this regatta, with whom we eagerly looked for a race, but found that, owing to the different style of their boats (they only having barges) it was impossible for them to meet us on an even footing.

This most successful season, throughout which the usual series of club races were held, closed with the annual regatta which was held on the 29th of August. The Flumerfelt cup was won by a crew composed of F. C. Dillabough, D. Lemming, A. George and J. Food. In the senior singles W. Laing won the Helmcken cup, and in the junior singles the Mallandaine cup was won by Heathcote.

The new shells, which were imported from Sims & Sons, of Putney, London, arrived in splendid shape, and have given every satisfaction.

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The boating committee regret the loss of Mr. Merrylees, who is now making his home in Portland. His experience and assistance in the coaching of our men was most valuable.

Electric light has been installed in the boathouse, which has proved a great convenience.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the boathouse be painted.

2. That a log be placed under the centre of the boathouse.

3. That a new four-oared shell be secured for 1903.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The management committee, acting on the recommendation of the general meeting last year, made arrangements with the Rugby players in the city to take over the management of the Victoria Rugby Football Club, which is now a branch of the J. B. A. A. A special meeting of shareholders was called for the purpose of altering the by-laws so as to allow Rugby players to join the club for five months, from November to March, at a charge of \$1.00 per month.

This course the shareholders decided to adopt, and seventeen members joined under this class of membership.

The Provincial League team has had rather hard luck. In their match with Vancouver it was won by the J. B. A. A. team at that time being approximately strong.

At the commencement of the season a provincial league was arranged, the following teams entering:

J. B. A. A., Fernwood and the Sixth Regiment team of Vancouver. The J. B. A. A. team has played in one provincial league match to date, which resulted in a win, counting two points.

From a financial point, basketball makes a splendid showing, an arrangement having been made with Bandit Fins whereby each team playing gets \$10.00 per game in the City League, while in the Provincial League 25 per cent. of the gate goes to the home team.

Against this we have paid the Victoria team the sum of \$30.00 when they come over, like sum being paid to our team when we go over to Vancouver. The gross receipts of basketball this season to date amounts to \$99,90, and the total expenditure \$39,50, showing a balance of \$51.40 to the credit of this branch.

It is a little early to say whether we shall win out in either of the two championships, but we have a very good chance of doing so, and can but hope for the best.

HANDBALL.

Two club handicap tournaments have been held during the year, and another tournament is now in progress.

The first tournament was won by C. G. Pettingell, and the second by F. E. W. Smith.

An inter-club tournament was commenced last spring in which five clubs entered, viz., J. B. A. A., Fernwood and the Royal Engineers. Although this tournament was not completed the J. B. A. A. stood at the top with a big lead in points.

We would recommend to the incoming committee to make arrangements with the Fernwood Athletic Club for a series of inter-club games.

We would also recommend that the floor of the handball court be repaired and that the outside boards be straightened.

TENNIS.

Tennis during the past season has, if anything, been more successful than the sporting view the previous year.

This year decided to take in lady members to this branch, a fee of \$20.00 being charged for the season.

Thirty-four ladies availed themselves of this opportunity and made good use of the courts.

At the commencement of the season arrangements were made with Messrs. Todd & Sons to take over the Caledonian grounds for the season at a charge of 25 per cent. of the total gate receipts, the club guaranteeing that the same would not be less than \$100.

FIELD SPORTS.

The first annual field day of the N. P. A. A. A. took place on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Victoria Driving Park, and the association is to be congratulated on the unequalled success of the meeting.

Entries were received from all the affiliated clubs, with the exception of the Seattle Athletic Club, and also from outside sources.

A synopsis of the entries is as follows:

J. B. A. A.—No. of men competing 5; No. of entries 5.

Brockton Point A. C.—No. of men competing 5; No. of entries 15.

Spokane A. A. C.—No. of men competing 10; No. of entries 30.

Multnomah A. C.—No. of men competing 14; No. of entries 48.

Unaffiliated—No. of men competing 26; No. of entries 49.

Total No. of men competing, 60; total No. of entries, 147.

The competitions were all well contested, and, owing to the good condition of the track, the times were all good, although there were no records made.

The attendance of the public was as good as could be expected, taking into consideration the fact that this class of entertainment has been so neglected in Victoria that it is difficult to arouse interest in it. But we hope that now a fair start has been made the interest in this class of sport will be maintained.

More than ordinary interest was taken in the 24th annual May regatta, by reason of the fact that, in addition to the usual Vancouver entry, we had a Seattle crew competing. In the senior event our crew, composed of A. Maclean (stroke), F. Dillabough, J. B. Green and A. W. Mergle (bow), were victorious, defeating Vancouver easily. The Seattle four succeeded in defeating our junior crew, consisting of F. Dresser, F. Austin, P. Andrew and L. E. Crocker by a narrow margin, after a most exciting race.

In the following month a regatta was held at Lake Washington, in Seattle, at

tained. It is estimated that there were about 1,000 spectators present.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That an athletic sports committee be formed in connection with the J. B. A. A.

2. That a harriers' club be formed in connection with the association during the coming winter.

3. That an open athletic meeting be held in Victoria by the J. B. A. A. annually such meeting to take place before the N. P. A. A. A.

4. That the J. B. A. A. should encourage athletics generally in Victoria, and especially in the public schools.

NEW PREMISES.

It is essential that steps should be taken at an early date towards the acquisition of a new club house. This is particularly necessary at the present time, as we have now obtained to such a degree of success in the different branches of sport that it is important for us to extend considerably without further accommodation. By securing more central premises, we feel that the membership roll will be greatly increased, which will produce a corresponding increase in our receipts.

We trust the incoming committee will give this matter their serious consideration, All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,

E. PURCELL JOHNSTON,
Secy-Treas.

February 2nd, 1904.

ANNUAL FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING**Another Sitting Was Held Yesterday And Important Matters Discussed.**

The Central Farmer's institute convention continued its sittings yesterday morning.

The first matter taken up was the following resolution which had been laid over from yesterday:

Resolved, that this meeting feels that good work has been done in the past year in co-operation, and the interests of agriculture and the people have been advanced in this important matter by the earnest work of the members of this meeting.

It was discussed and passed unanimously.

J. N. Evans, seconded by George Dean, then moved as follows:

That this institute would recommend that the government be urged to put to a practical test the vote of last year for \$4,000 in aid of clearing land by the purchase of or logging engine and equipment for gullying streams.

Mr. Evans seconded the motion and argued in a brief and intelligent manner the advisability of using machinery for removing stumps instead of the powder method. He also quoted authorities.

H. M. Palmer said there was no need to mix up clearing land by powder and machinery. The only thing to consider was which was the cheapest. If machinery was cheaper than powder it should be tried. If the farmers asked for bonus on powder to clear land the minister had just as much right to ask for bonus on powder for development work in his mine.

H. Bowes took a different view. Railways were asked for a bonus on powder, he could see no reason why the farmer should be refused.

An amendment to the resolution was introduced by W. F. Stewart, and seconded by J. T. Collins as follows:

That it is the opinion of this meeting that if a part or

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THE SITUATION IN THE ORIENT.

Outwardly the situation in the Far East is unchanged from what it was a week ago. Japan still awaits Russia's reply to her last note. The date on which that reply was to be sent has been given on several occasions during the last ten days, only to be postponed from time to time. Skilful as Russian diplomats are in framing reasons for delay when it is inconvenient for them to announce a policy or give a reply, it would seem that even their resources for procrastination must be almost exhausted by this time. It would seem very unlikely that the extraordinary patience displayed hitherto by the Japanese Government can be maintained much longer and that some definite decision on Japan's proposals will be demanded from St. Petersburg. We are inclined to think that few European governments or people would have borne this long period of suspense and uncertainty with the outward composure that has been exhibited by the Japanese. As one observer on the spot says, no such calm and patient waiting would have occurred in Great Britain or the United States under similar circumstances, or when a war was thought to be impending.

It must not, however, be thought that this apparent quietude on the part of the Japanese betokens indifference or willingness to submit to any terms that Russia may propose rather than risk the possibilities of war with that giant Power. Rather, we think, it betokens a calm determination among the populace to stand by the conditions that Japan insists must be had in order to ensure the national safety. The people have counted the cost and have confidence that their rulers have made their final dispositions and completed all their preparations, so that if a contest is forced upon their country, it will be waged by the Japanese in such a manner and with such effect as to surprise the world and show how far astray those were who have been disposed to underrate Japan's ability to meet her gigantic opponent on anything like equal terms. This repression of any outward demonstration of feeling may be found to conceal an underecurrent of desperate determination that will not be broken until Japan lies prostrate at the feet of Russia, an event that may be much more improbable than current reports might lead one to expect. Unlike the Chinese, to whom patriotism in the sense that we understand it, is practically unknown, the Japanese are intensely patriotic, and their regard for their ruler is not exceeded by the veneration of the Russian peasants for the Czar. That is an important factor in the problem, since it will, in the fullest meaning of the term, be a national war that Japan will wage.

There is no doubt that the delay of the last three weeks has been of great advantage to Russia, by enabling her to strengthen her forces in the Far East. Her squadron in the Mediterranean must now almost have reached the probable scene of action. During the same period three and four trains a day have carried troops eastward to the Pacific coast, so that Admiral Alexieff has a much larger force at his disposal than he had in December. But that fact only increases the difficulty of the problem of keeping such a large force supplied when the base of supplies is three thousand miles distant and the only means of transportation a single track of railway, not too well built and with rolling stock not believed to be adequate for the demand for the carriage of men and stores now made upon it. We can form some idea of the difficulty that bringing up supplies for a large army will entail by the experience of the British army in South Africa during the recent Boer war, and a competent authority from personal knowledge of the conditions in both places states that the Russians have a more difficult task before them than that which Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener had in the advance on Pretoria. It is almost certain that as soon as the war breaks out Russia will find great difficulty in protecting the line of railway through Manchuria from interruption and attack.

It certainly does seem as though Japan had lost an advantage by the delay and as we said on a former occasion, her inaction can only partially be regarded as occasioned by the earnest desire of her Government to avoid a war with Russia. It is not improbable that her statesmen realized that the country was not fully prepared for war in December. The equipment of her troops was not completed; the additions to her fleets were not available as they are now. The Government had not then finally closed the financial arrangements which it is now asserted will provide the necessary funds without any appeal to foreign countries. There is also another result that has clearly been attained by the delay. That is the completion of the negotiations between the United States and China in regard to the opening of two ports in Manchuria to American commerce. Other countries under the most favored nation clause in their treaties, will be entitled to the same advantages that the United States has secured under this treaty and this fact gives these powers interests and rights in Manchuria that Russia will scarcely venture to dispute. Indeed she has refused to agree to Ja-

pan's demand for a separate recognition by Russia of the territorial integrity of China, claiming that the former should be satisfied with the assurances given to other countries.

As regards her naval and military bases of supplies and the facilities for the repair and equipment of her fleets after an engagement Japan is much more favorably situated than her antagonist and in the event of war, this fact might give her a great advantage, at least in the earlier stages of the struggle. Whether Japan will have sufficient "staying power" to wear out her huge rival, only the course of events can decide.

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

The session of the Imperial Parliament was opened yesterday by the King in person. The speech from the throne did not contain any announcement of particular interest. There was a reference to the result of the labors of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal, but the reference to the situation in the Far East was, as was to be expected, very reserved and conveyed no new information on the situation. A reference to the National expenditures seems to indicate that the relief to the taxpayers which it was hoped a few months ago would be possible in the next fiscal year, will not be realized. Evidently the Opposition will have a wide field for criticism on the enormous expenditure, which notwithstanding the end of the South African war, it seems impossible to reduce.

That the session opened yesterday will be one of unusual, perhaps of the greatest interest and fraught with tremendous results not only to the United Kingdom but to the whole Empire, there is no doubt. The condition of the various parties in the House and their relative strength cannot be determined with any certainty until the fiscal question has been discussed and one or more divisions taken. In the peculiar situation that will exist, it is impossible to foresee what may result from accidental circumstances that under ordinary conditions would produce no effect. Mr. Chamberlain will probably be the figure around which the greatest interest will centre, as he will certainly be the man who will be found in the thickest of the fight, neither giving nor asking quarter from the opponents of his fiscal proposals.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

UNRESIGNED.

Sir.—There is hope for Victoria yet, judging from the state of mind of the local business men who form the railway petition committee. One cannot hope for much from an indifferent, resigned, or broken-spirited man (or horse), but all things being equal, it is to the committee of Victorians—who believe in touch with capitalistic touch—style themselves that: "We, the unresigned merchants of Victoria, recognizing the imminent impetus given to our business, etc., etc. (Vide Colonist, Feb. 2.)"

Keep on being unresigned, and things will come your way. The unresigned, impudent and steadily insistent man gets the every time. More power to your elbows, and may your shadows get no less, ye unresigned, is the wish of many beside.

J. T. D.
(Our correspondent waxed merri over a typographical error in yesterday's paper, in which the word "unresigned" was used instead of "under-signed." —Ed.)

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Sir.—As the Tourist Association have asked for suggestions, I use the opportunity to draw the attention of the public and the city fathers to Beacon Hill Park. To the great pleasure of going over Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, there remains the memory of one of the most beautiful bits of man's handiwork in the horticultural line, originally sun-dunes, it has been transformed into a veritable Garden of Eden. There you will find Chinese, Japanese and Australian trees and shrubs in great variety, and these when grown in their beauty, suggest to private parties, what they could add to their own home gardens. Now what have we done, we can do—if we try. It is true that much of the money spent thus has been bequeathed by those who had large hearts, broad ideas, and who did not want to take their cheques to the other side of life, or fit it up for future generations. The city council could now order on a quantity of small shrubs and grow them to maturity, and then complete the work which some of our great heads might add to cause to them will today, and so help to make Mother Earth more beautiful for their having lived on it. A tree in the park for public benefit, fit to my mind, a fair better monument than a cold marble pillar in "God's acre."

W. H. MARCON.

PUBLIC PROTECTION.

Sir.—While we are considering what steps shall be taken to save life in case of accident at sea, and in case of panic from fire in crowded theatres and public places, it is well to consider whether we have adopted the best means of securing ourselves against accident from electricity, whether used for lighting or power. It is dreadful to think that a telephone wire, falling across an electric light wire, may be so charged with death as it was the other day in Vancouver, and several of our very big fires, including dreadful loss of life, have lately been caused by electric wires in our buildings.

I am told that in England these wires are taken through the houses in pipes. Those in our Parliament Buildings here are in pipes, and I know that the most scientific authority in Montreal advises that it is safer to encase the wires in glass or earthenware pipes would be the best. We scarcely know how these wires will last yet, they are all so new.

In the colder climates the earth seems more charged with electricity, and may make the wires more dangerous. On the other hand, our long damp season rots away the covering of the wire, and our electrical birds may at any time cause a short in the wire with a change in dryness or the reverse. Our pipe boards are constantly on the move.

Lord Rosebery, the other day, said some men have a mania for attending funerals; one newspaper contributor has a mania for reporting accidents from gas. This is very useful, as there are perhaps people here who don't know much about it. But coal is used for lighting immensely more than gas, and moderately intelligent men know all about it. Today we have report of a gas accident which took place yesterday, telegraphed to the news gatherer from Providence, R. I., and another which also took place yesterday, telegraphed from Erie, Pa. Of course, this is very considerate to keep us early informed. But after all these are only retail accidents; the wholesale lighting accidents come from elsewhere.

F. ANGUS.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The Lumbermen's Manufacturing Association held their annual meeting in this city last Monday. There was a large attendance, and a great deal of important business transacted, but the conference was held behind closed doors. However, for the benefit of the public, it might be that nothing was done regarding any increase in rates. This statement is made for the reason that the people imagine that there is only one purpose of such meetings; and that is to boost the price of lumber.—Cranbrook Herald.

A pretty home wedding took place on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr.

and Mrs. Lee Mansfield, Marysville, when Miss Annie Durlik was married in marriage to Claude Mansfield. Rev. Father Ouellette, of St. Eugene, officiated, performing the ceremony. Only a few relatives were present. Refreshments were served during the evening. All present united in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield many long and happy years to crown their married life.—Fort Steele Prospector.

On Saturday the 30th inst., a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Lumber Syndicate Limited, was held at the Athlone hotel, Camborne, commencing at 7 p.m. The object of the meeting was to consider a resolution that was introduced by the manager to sell the property of the company to the Great Northern Mines, Limited, a general business of a general nature, the resolution obtained the unanimous support of the directors, after which they dispersed.—Larideau Eagle.

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES.

From Ashcroft Journal,

Mr. C. T. Cooney, a rancher of Tranquille, is a pioneer with whom one can spend many a pleasant hour, hearing him talk of the days when he and his wife encountered while travelling from St. Paul to the Thompson river in the years 1857 and 1858. Mr. Cooney is still a very active man and can relate every part and incident of this long trip as though it happened some 45 days ago instead of 45 years. His party numbered 45 when he left St. Paul in the month of October, 1857, and it was the same when he struck the Thompson river in August, 1858. The route followed was by way of Windigo, then Fort Garry, and the line of Hudson's Bay posts, pretty well to the north, until Edmonton was reached. Then a southerly course was struck which landed them in Fort Colville in Washington state. The Kootenay river, the Columbia, the Rocky mountains, from Fort Osoode they travelled north to the Thompson. Naturally enough articles of food were a pretty scarce commodity with them about this time. They had no fresh meat to speak of after crossing the mountains, and the sight of it was so attractive to them that they traded a horse for a certain quantity—a live horse for a dead one. It was a Frenchman who had sold them the mare. Mr. Cooney named on Williams creek and other places, but was not successful. He is the only one of the party now in British Columbia.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FINANCES.

From Montreal Gazette.

The estimates submitted to the British Columbia Legislature for the year ending June 30, 1904, provide for an expenditure of \$2,423,574. The total revenue is estimated to reach \$2,522,076. If the expectations are realized, the government will next year show that rare thing in British Columbia, a surplus of revenue over expenditure. The end will be reached by a double process. For years the succession of weak administrations in the province sought to gain public support by spending. The spend they had then, then spent again. The deficit goes up, the tax rate amounts to \$683,970 a year, a large sum when the revenue is only two and a half millions. The McBride government could not bring the expenditure down to the level of the revenue with such an interest slice taken from it; so it took means to bring the revenue up to the demands of the expenditure. Between the increase of taxation and the growth of the revenue established sources the receipts are expected to be increased by \$232,000. Then there are large reductions in the expenditures on services aside from the public debt; and as a consequence it is calculated that at the end of the twelve months there will be a balance on hand of \$25,000. A short-term loan, interest on which is provided for in the budget, will clear off floating liabilities and meet the obligations arising by past legislation. The new government has in fact applied business ideas to a business situation. So long as it sticks to its present policy it will deserve the approval of all the business men in the province.

THE HOUR OF DEATH.

Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the north wind's And breath.

And stars to set; but all— Then last all seasons for thine own, O Death!

Day is for mortal care, For good meetings round the joyous eyes.

Night the dreams of sleep, the voice of prayer—

But all for thee, then mightiest of the earth.

The banquet hath its hour, Its feverish hour of mirth and song, and wine;

There comes a day for grief's o'erwhelming power—but all are thine.

A time for softer hearts—but all are thine.

Youth and the opening rose May look like things too glorious for decay,

And smile at thee—but thou art not of those

That wait the ripened bloom to seize their prey.

Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the north wind's And breath;

And stars to set; but all— Then last all seasons for thine own, O Death!

We know when moons shall wane, When summer's birds from far shall cross

When autumn's hues shall tinge the golden grain—

But who shall teach us when to look for thee?

Is it when spring's first gale Comes forth to wither where the violets lie?

Is it when roses in our path grow pale—

Then art where billows foam,

Then art where music melts upon the air;

Then art around us in our peaceful home;

And the world calls us forth—and thou art there.

We know when friends shall die, When summer's birds from far shall cross

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Fraternal Visit.—Yesterday evening the officers and members of Alexandra Lodge, S. O. E., paid a pleasing fraternal visit to Prides of the Island Lodge.

An Enquiry.—Friends of Peter Bradley, of Beeston, Nottinghamshire, England, are anxious to learn of his whereabouts. He was last heard of in Victoria, 1902.

Lost a Finger.—Joseph Lipset was victim of a painful accident on Monday afternoon. While engaged discharging coal from the steamer Otter he got one of his fingers caught in the working gear and had it completely taken off.

Price of Milk.—It is understood that the durability and wisdom of raising the price of milk to the consumers in this city will be discussed at a meeting to be held by the Dairymen's Protective Association in the city hall this evening.

Had a Big Funeral.—The body of Mai Quon, who was murdered as the result of a feud in Chinatown on Sunday morning was buried yesterday afternoon with full ceremonies peculiar to the higher class of Chinese. The cortege was a long one and attracted much attention as it passed through the streets en route to the cemetery.

Lecture Tonight.—It is anticipated there will be a large attendance of members of the Board of Trade at the lecture to be given at the Board of Trade rooms this evening by John P. Babcock, commissioner of fisheries, upon "Salmon Propagation—Results and Methods." During and following the lecture his notes Mr. Babcock will exhibit 130 lantern illustrations.

Married at Ladysmith.—A very pleasant event took place on Wednesday evening, January 27th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ladysmith, when their only daughter, Adeline, was united in marriage to Mr. Geo. H. Judges, of London, Ont., Miss Beatrice Uren acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. Jesse Josephs, of San Francisco, Cal. The Rev. R. Boyle tied the nuptial knot in the presence of about forty guests.

High Wireless Mast.—At Friday Harbor, on San Juan Island, within sight of Orca, the great wireless station, the mast is completed with the exception of painting. It is a few inches higher than 237 feet, and is believed to be the highest wooden mast in the United States, if not in the world. The machinery is installed, the storage battery charged and it is expected that the station will be open for work next week.

Famous Band Coming.—The famous English Band has arranged to give two performances at the Victoria theatre, matinee and evening, on Tuesday next, February 9th. This is the second annual tour of the unique musical organization and it is reported to be 50 per cent better than last year.

To Form Municipality.—There will be a meeting of the residents of Victoria district at the Cedar Hill Temperance hall tomorrow evening to discuss the advisability of forming the district into a municipality. A meeting will be held at a later date at Colquitz to discuss the same subject.

Concert at St. Saviour's.—All present spent a most enjoyable evening at the concert held under the auspices of St. Saviour's Literary, Debating and Musical Society in the schoolroom, adjoining St. Saviour's church, Victoria West. There was a large attendance and an excellent programme.

An Old Pioneer's Son.—G. Pain has recently bought out Mr. Wina, of 29 Johnson street, and has fitted up the parlors in very handsome style. Mr. Pain has just returned from a visit to the Old Country, where he went after his stay in Dawson, Y. T. Mr. Pain's father was the pioneer barber on Johnson street and would be pleased to see his father's old friends again.

Acquired Cold Storage.—The B. Wilson Company have acquired the British Columbia Cold Storage plant in this city, and will henceforth carry on the ice and storage trade hitherto operated by the old company. The standing of the B. Wilson Company is of such a high character that its assumption of the plant of the Cold Storage Company is a guarantee of the successful operation of that concern.

The War Scarce.—Attention is called to an advertisement in these columns to the lecture to be given tonight in the Rev. A. H. Ewing, accompanied by lighted views, in aid of the church. Those taking an interest in developments in that mysterious country will have an excellent opportunity of learning of the habits and peculiarities of that strange people, the Chinese, and it is hoped there will be a large and appreciative audience.

Dan McLeod Coming.—Dan McLeod has an idea that he is overlooking a hat by staying in the Eastern woods and will hire himself at once to the coast. McLeod has the idea that as an old British Columbia, he has as much right as anybody to get a match out here, and gather in some of the coin of the realm. Since Jenkins and Gottch are on the coast, there is a dearth of men of McLeod's class on the other side of the continent, and to get a match at all Dan has practically to handicap himself out of it. If the Indian wins tomorrow against Berg and McMillan, he will be given a chance against the ex-champion.

Enjoyable Social.—A most enjoyable time was had by the large number in attendance at the usual fortnightly social held in St. John's school room yesterday evening and much credit for the success of the affair is due to the young ladies of St. John's Guild. The programme was as follows: Miss Todd, vocal solo; Mr. Robert Walker, piano solo; the Misses Andrews, vocal duet; Mr. Hollins, violin solo; Miss Shields, piano solo; Miss Palmer, vocal solo; Miss Sweet, piano solo; Mr. H. Robertson, violin solo; Miss Brown, violin solo; choir boys, song; Miss Palmer and Mr. Savage, vocal duet; Miss Grace King, vocal solo; Mr. Oliver, vocal solo; Mr. Percy Walls, piano solo.

Y. P. S. C. E. Social.—The first monthly social for the present year of the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, was held at the manse, Monday evening, and was largely attended. The attendance at the regular and social meetings, and especially the handsome contribution made for last year to the benevolent and missionary schemes of the church, showed the society to be in a vigorous and active condition. Much of the past success and present condition of the society is due to the efforts of the retiring president, Miss. Edna Blackwood. The officers for the current year are Mrs. L. H. Dickson, president; Miss Jeanie Anderson, recording secretary, and Miss Kate McKenzie, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

Impressive Funeral.—The remains of Mrs. Bolton, wife of S. E. Bolton, of Cranbrook, were interred on Wednesday at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton were returning from their honeymoon on the steamer Clallam when the latter lost her life. The body was found near Port Angeles on January 22nd and was brought to Victoria, where it arrived last Wednesday. The Cranbrook Herald, referring to the funeral, says: "Truly it was a sorrowful day for Cranbrook. Every business house had been closed, and when the train arrived a vast throng wended their way to the Presbyterian church to pay their respects to the memory of one who in life was beloved by all who knew her. Rev. Mr. Fortune, pastor of the church, had charge of the service. Several hymns were sung by the choir, and a solo by Mr. McLeod. Rev. Mr. Fortune preached a brief but impressive sermon, referring touchingly to the bereavement of the family and the noble qualities of mind that had characterized the deceased in life."

Visited Sieher Mines.—A party consisting of Rowland Macmillan, Capt. Chapman, John Bryden, C. A. Bury and others, have returned from a visit of inspection to the Mount Sieher mining properties, while there Mr. Macmillan took in the Lenora mine, being especially interested in the lens of ore recently discovered. He found that it exceeded his expectations. He measured the body and found it to be 20 feet across, and still in ore. There is a fine gallery of ore, he says, 12 feet wide and 9 feet high in virgin territory. It runs east and west, and is entirely independent of the other veins. Its values are as high as \$4,700 to 20 per cent copper, \$214 in gold and \$230 in silver. Shipping from the new lens will begin at once. All concerned are deeply gratified with the management under the capable management of Mr. Tregear.

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RISK'S SPECIAL RESERVE**SCOTCH WHISKEY**

A special vatting of the cream of Old Highland Whiskies. Matured for many years in Sherry Wood before being bottled.

Family's Grief.—The family of E. B. Paul, M. A., was thrown into mourning yesterday by the death at the residence of Mr. Matthew Ladysmith, when his only daughter, Adeline, was united in marriage to Mr. Geo. H. Judges, of London, Ont., Miss Beatrice Uren acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. Jesse Josephs, of San Francisco, Cal. The Rev. R. Boyle tied the nuptial knot in the presence of many friends.

"Elijah" Rehearsal.—The third rehearsal for "Elijah" will be held tonight in St. Andrew's Presbyterian school room. Every member taking part is requested to attend, as the time is very short for such an important work.

Ill in Tacoma.—Hinkson Siddall, ex-sheriff, who has been in Vancouver the past month, has been suddenly summoned to Tacoma in consequence of the illness of one of his sons, John. Mr. Siddall left Vancouver yesterday morning for the Sound city.

Son of England.—The regular monthly meeting of the Pride of the Island Lodge, Sons of England, was held in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening. During the evening stirring speeches were delivered by the district deputy and Bro. Fowler, of Vancouver, also by the officers of Lodge Alouette, who paid a fraternal visit.

The speeches dealt with the advantages of the order and suitable replies were made by the local members. Songs and the serving of refreshments brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Arrived for Trial.—Last evening per the steamship Wyfield from San Francisco, a man from the British ship Cisne, which left Antwerp on August 30, 1903, and arrived at San Francisco on January 17th last, arrived here for trial for a crime on the high seas. He was sent by the British Consul, S. S. Francisco, this being the nearest British port. Also arrived named Armand de Verneuil, Andre Coupe and Peter Duval. They are staying at the Dominion hotel and will remain here until after the trial.

Fire Reward.—Following is the record of fire alarms during the month of January, 9th—3 p.m., wires grounded on Temple building; Fort street, 5:30 p.m., wires grounded on pole; Discovery and Douglas streets, 10th—6:30 p.m., sparks from smokestack Bank of Montreal, 13th—10:20 p.m., chimney, 39 Fisgard street, 10th—11 a.m., chimney, Grotto saloon, 28th—8:05 p.m., J. W. Keller's, Yates and Quadra streets, loss \$100, 31st—8:35 a.m., wall paper at Mr. Carson's, Jubilee avenue. Total loss for month, \$100.

The Clallam inquest was continued at 9:30 yesterday morning. Bert Esquivel, a waiter on the boat some four months ago, was the first witness called. He said he remembered some days before the accident calling the attention of other waiters to a funny scraping noise. They went outside and found that the rudder was hard a-starboard. For his own curiosity he examined the rudder and noticed cracks in it which showed plainly.

Thomas Moore, a fisherman, was the next witness called, but outside of the fact that he remembered seeing one boat some two hundred yards away with people in it, and that he had helped to save some men out of the third boat launched, he had little to say.

Before taking evidence the coroner addressed the jury saying that he was surprised to hear outside that one of the jury had already expressed his opinion publicly on the matter now under investigation.

Juror Marcus asked the coroner for his authority to refuse to speak further on the matter.

A. E. McPhillips, K. C., informed the coroner that letters had been received from both Capt. Roberts and Mate Donley, who, he expected, would be on hand to give evidence on Monday. However, he could not yet say positively as to their being here, but that there would be some witnesses on hand at that date. The inquest was then adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

IN CHAMBERS.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin in chambers yesterday morning the following cases came up: Giant Powder Co. vs. Hunter Bros.; J. A. Macdonald for plaintiff; the fall of a large number of Americans settled in Alberta and other territories, and consequently a large amount of United States money came into circulation. At Edmonton and Saskechewan the postoffice and railway companies absolutely refuse United States coin, while the banks will take American silver at a 20 per cent discount.

Received Medals.—Lieut. T. Pooley, eldest son of Hon. E. C. Pooley, Speaker of the legislature, was yesterday the justly proud recipient from the British Embassy of two medals for meritorious service in South Africa. In few instances has more than one medal been presented for similar service. Lieut. Pooley was with the Royal Field Artillery for two years during the active period of the campaign, and also served after peace had been declared. The ribbons supporting the medals are colored orange, white and green—a rather unique but very pretty combination.

The Mayoralty Election.—All the necessary formalities arranging the holding of an election on the 17th instant for the purpose of filling the mayoralty vacancy are posted at the City hall, and the city council will hold a special meeting at 5 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of completing any further arrangements which may be necessary to that end. Ald. Graham has been appointed permanent chairman of the council until such time as G. H. Barnard is re-elected to the office of mayor. That term is not assumed for a moment that there will be any opposition. Mr. Barnard's re-election, and it is therefore taken for granted that he will be elected on the 17th inst., a week from Saturday.

The dredger and flats.—Aldermen Oddy, Stewart and Kinsman, the committee appointed by the council to interview Aulay Morrison, M. P., at New Westminster, will probably leave for New Westminster this evening for the purpose of endeavoring to get the Federal City's representatives to consent to have the dredger King Edward come here to complete the work of filling in the James Bay flats.

It is stated that the dredger is fast now practically idle at New Westminster, and that her services will be urgently required on the Fraser and June.

Failing in the attempt to get the dredger, the council will proceed to perfect an arrangement with the tramway company whereby earth and gravel filling will be hauled from Spring Ridge, most of the carrying work being done at night. It is said that negotiations are nearly completed for the purchase of an acre lot on Spring Ridge.

The most successful medicines are those that aid nature. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It aids the expectoration, reflexes, etc., and tones the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. It not only cures, it cures effectually and permanently, and is unquestionably the most successful medicine in use for this purpose. It is pleasant to take and contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by all druggists.

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On account of the Native Son's ball Mrs. Dickinson's and Mrs. Simpson's regular Thursday evening class will be held on Wednesday, the 3rd.

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124 pairs Men's Good Quality Rubbers.....	.50c. a pair
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29 pairs Men's Buff, Screw Soles, Lace Boots.....	1.50 a pair
Shoe Polish—25 cent Bottles15 cents
A few pairs of Ladies' Strap Slippers, size 6.....	.75c. a pair
60 pairs Boys' Buff Screw Lace Boots, sizes 1 to 5.....	1.00 a pair
60 pairs Youths' Standard Screw Lace Boots, sizes 11 to 13.....	.75c. a pair

Just Received 2,000 Pairs of Children's Up-to-date Shoes; Come And See Them; The Nicest You Ever Saw At The Price. You See---It's Like This: "You Want Understandings, And We Want The Cash."

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Empress Arrives From the Orient

Brings Valuable Cargo and a Large Sum of Japanese Money.

Blue Funnel Liner Tydeus Also Arrives With Stores For Navy.

The steamer Empress of China arrived from the Orient yesterday morning and tied up at the outer wharf at about 9:30. The white liner left Tokyo on January 22nd last and made a splendid run across the Pacific. She brought thirteen saloon, seven intermediate and forty-three steerage passengers and 3126 tons of freight made up as follows: 3173 packages of silk, 55 packages wild silk, 208 packages silk goods, 29 packages lined cotton goods, packages, 21 packages of cigarette, 2 bags opium, 14,202 lbs. of rice, beans, etc., 9,296 of tea and 10,613 general total 34,666 packages. The saloon passengers were Messrs. J. G. Bullen, A. Cheek, L. DeBremner, C. J. Great, A. W. Parks, G. L. Reid, T. D. Wall, Mrs. G. H. Hall and child, Lieut. O. Merleker, I. G. N., and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Remington.

One million in specie was brought and landed here, and will go to San Francisco per the Wells Fargo express to-night. The cash was consigned by the Japanese government to one of the banks at San Francisco.

Among the passengers who arrived on

Kidney Disease Results from Colds

Exposure of the Back to Drafts Not an Infrequent Cause of This Dreadfully Painful Ailment.

The kidneys are very susceptible to cold, so much so that a current of cold air on the back is sufficient to cause congestion of these organs.

It is also a very common thing for heavy colds to settle on the kidneys and give rise to the most complicated diseases.

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Why should we fear? The Bear to hold us in its greedy hug, May run and prance with sharply-pointed claws.

Its arts, however, will not deceive us. March, then, March!

For now is the time to rise and crush it.

Gather our warships,

Our troops, too, gather?

That's all right!

We have done it so long since

We are off't tired of waiting,

Waiting for God all approves,

And our friend America sympathizes

With our war for civilization.

Be bold and fearless!

Now is the happy time

For the people of Japan.

To show to the world,

What, by means of solidarity,

The nation can accomplish.

WILL RUN TO TACOMA.

That Tacoma is to have steamer connections with Port Townsend and Victoria is now practically assured, says the Tacoma Daily News. The Puget Sound Navigation Company's Puget Sound Victoria route will have Tacoma for its terminus instead of Seattle, and a daily service will be given.

While all the arrangements are not concluded and will not be for perhaps a week or ten days, the Puget Sound Navigation Company has practically determined on the matter.

The plan is to put the steamer Whidam on the route, for the present, leaving Tacoma early in the morning, calling at Seattle and Port Townsend on the trip to Victoria. The same steamer will sail from excellent freight facilities with Port Townsend and then come to Tacoma. This arrangement will allow passengers for the Puget Sound cities to take berth at Victoria and they need not be disturbed till they reach Tacoma. It will also give Tacoma excellent freight facilities with Port Townsend, something she has not had in recent years.

There was no radical change in the situation when the Empress left Yokohama.

The Russian reply to the latest Japanese note, suggesting consideration of the previous note, had not been received.

During this interval was being filled with varying peaceful and belligerent rumors emanating from the European capitals.

Japanese preparations were being pushed

and it was creditably rumored that if the Russian reply proved finally unacceptable, Japan would immediately throw 300,000 troops into Korea to safeguard its interests there. Some 200 additional freighters were known to have been chartered by the government, including ships of both the Togo Kisen Kai-sha and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. The second reserves of the Kokura division were called out and various military appointments were made, including that of Major-General Iijima to be military attaché of the Seout legation. Provisioning the fleet and the army was completed. Tenders for an enormous quantity of food and supplies were invited for the Manchurian campaign. It was inferred from this that Manlia might possibly be made ready for a supplementary base in the event of war, as British ports would be too closely looked after by the Russian fleet to be available.

At a banquet tendered the special correspondents at Tokio, on the 14th ult., by the banking and commercial interest, Mr. MacLean Egan, one of the Associated Press' chief correspondents, was one of the most prominent guests. The U. S. minister, Mr. Lloyd C. Griscom, was represented by a military attaché. During the banquet a dramatic play was given in which a girl dressed as a samurai, representing Japan, was joined by two others in the costume of the British Lion and Brother Jonathan respectively, the whole scene being intended to represent the friendly support of Japan by Great Britain and America. After this acting had been gone through and a well-merited applause, Mr. Sonoda Kokichi, President of the Nobles' bank, made an eloquent speech, indicating Japan's resolve and readiness to act, and Capt. Dennisly will be the master of the Hansen.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Amur sails for Skagway on Friday next.

The six-ton fishing sloop Verma is a total wreck in Alaskan waters, having run on a reef of Kitten Island, at the entrance to Puget Bay ten days ago. Her crew of three made shore in safety. The Verma owned at Juneau. She was returning from ice traps with a small catch of halibut when a squall came up and carried her off the rocks.

Work on the Whidam is practically

finished and she has fire under her boilers today. She went to Seattle yesterday,

though she will not be placed on the Victoria run before tomorrow. The company has not announced definitely its intentions regarding marking Tacoma the Victoria route terminus but local shipping men consider there is no question about the matter.

Steamer Wyrd passed up to Nanaimo last evening.

City of Puebla arrived last evening from San Francisco and having landed her passengers and some freight, proceeded to the Sound.

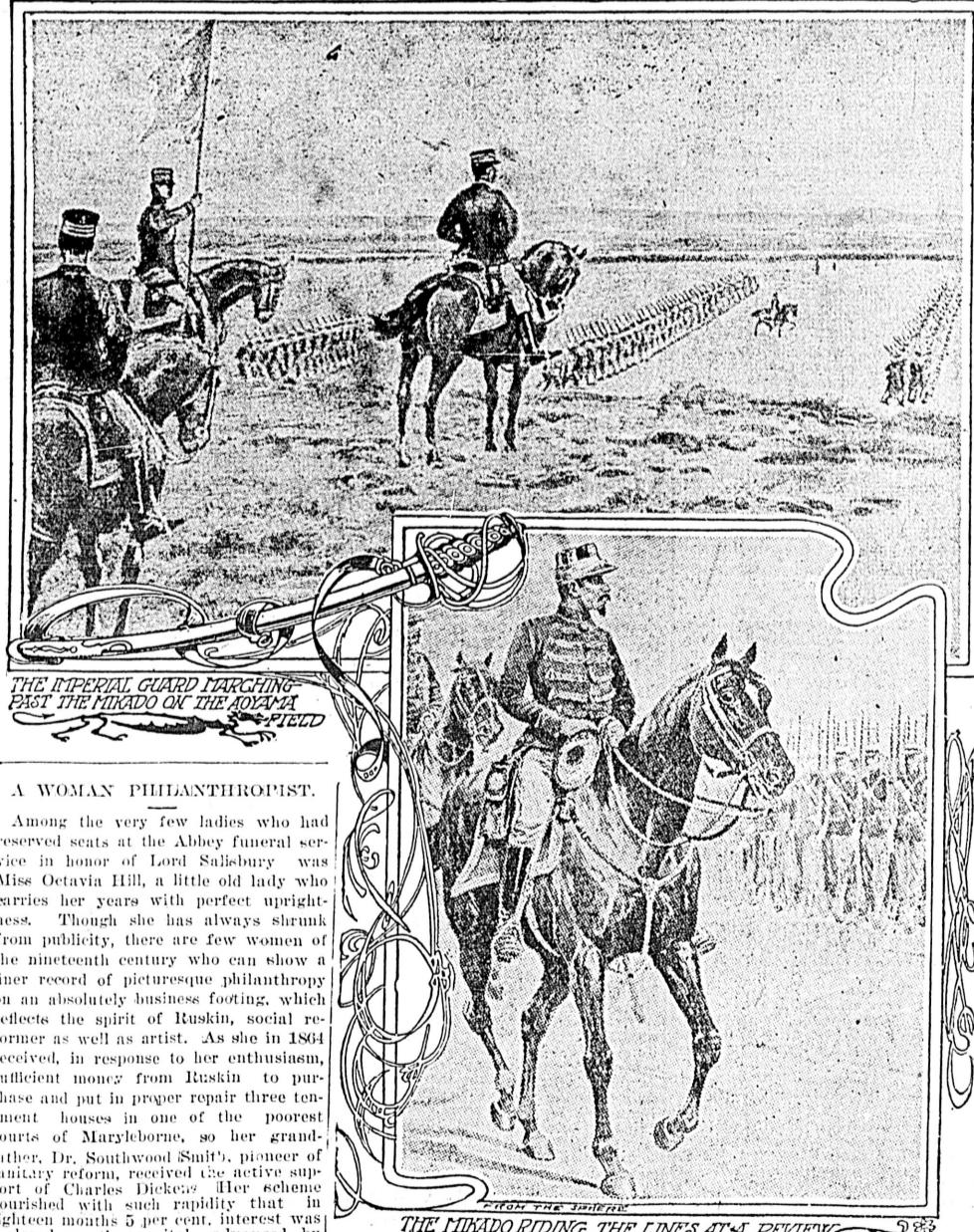
Yesterday afternoon the Blue Funnel

Liner Tydeus, owned by Alfred Holt & Co., from Liverpool via Manila and Yokohama, arrived at the Outer wharf at 2 o'clock. The steamer left Yokohama on the 16th ult., and made a good run across.

She brings 100 tons of naval stores for Esquimalt and about 400 tons of general cargo for various B. C. consignees.

Steamer Moana left for Australia last evening.

MIKADO REVIEWING HIS ARMY



A WOMAN PHILANTHROPIST.

Among the very few ladies who had reserved seats at the Abbey funeral service in honor of Lord Salisbury was Miss Octavia Hill, little old lady who carries her years with perfect uprightness.

Though she has always shrunk from publicity, there are few women of the nineteenth century who can show a finer record of picturesque philanthropy on an absolutely business footing, which reflects the spirit of Ruskin, social reformer as well as artist. As she in 1864

received, in response to her enthusiasm, sufficient money from Ruskin to purchase and put in proper repair three tenement houses in one of the poorest courts of Marylebone, so her grandfather, Dr. Southwood Smith, pioneer of sanitary reform, received the active support of Charles Dickens. Her scheme flourished with such rapidity that in eighteen months 5 per cent interest was declared on the capital advanced by Dickens.

£48 was returned. More

and more houses were placed under her care, till it became the fashion to make her duty landlord of large estates, such as those possessed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. All this entailed the training of numerous lady rent-collectors—a new occupation for women

—who, with the right to enter a tenement, may exercise an influence more direct and beneficial than that of the district visitor.

Red Cross Hall, and the neighboring gabled cottages, with diamond paned windows, erected in one of the dreariest neighborhoods off the borrough, afford a concrete example of Miss Octavia Hill's method of dealing with the housing problem. While every tenant is encouraged to sweeten and beautify her home

the Kyrie Society has been of great service in this respect—the tone of the neighborhood is further raised by the influence of Red Cross Hall, separated from the street, formerly "Dirty Alley,"

by a gay garden, having a reedy pond and a pigeon cote. Besides in winter

lectures and concerts, and its carvings

and glass—

the magnificent clock is a specimen of its skill—its walls have a series

of frescoes, mostly painted by Mr. Walter Crane, illustrating such deeds of

bravery among the poor as that of Alice

Adams, who in a street close by saved

the life of a child of her mistress,

one by one, and then perished in the flames.

London Chronicle.

THE LINEAR HABIT.

HARMLESS ANTIDOTE DISCOVERED.

The most highly recommended treatment for Alcoholism in the world. It quickly and permanently removes all craving or desire for intoxicating liquors, and leaves the patient in the same condition mentally as physically as before the habit was acquired.

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tution or infections, a home cure which does not interfere with business or other duties.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between us, the undersigned, of this city, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All debts owing to, or by the said partners, will be settled by Charles F. Randell, who will continue the business at the same place as heretofore.

Dated at Victoria, 1904.

CHAS. F. RANDELL.

MEUVILLE L. JEWELL.

The Popular Grocers!

Picnic Hams	12½ per lb
Best Canadian Hams.....	17¢ per lb
Best Canadian Bacon.....	18¢ per lb
Sauerkraut.....	2 lbs 25¢
Sweet and Sour Pickles	per pint 15¢
Sauce in Half-Pint Bottles.....	3 bottles for 25¢
California O'ives, in bulk	per pint 25¢

Mowat & Wallace, The Popular Grocers
Cor. Yates & Douglas Sts

SPORTING NEWS.**HOCKEY.**

Ladies Team Goes to Vancouver.

Tomorrow the ladies hockey team journeys to Vancouver to play the Terminal City team on Friday. The local team has been put on hold for some time and expects to put on a good game against the Vancouver ladies. The last practice will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock sharp. Following is the team: Forwards, Misses Hardle, Roberts, Nason (capt.) Wilson and Fletcher; halves, Misses Readie, Wallaston and Newcombe; full backs, Misses Balis, D. Sehl and Fay.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Y. M. C. A. vs. The Garrison.

The following team will represent the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon in their game with the Garrison at Work Point, commencing at 3 o'clock sharp. All players are requested to catch the 2:15 car at corner of Yates and Government streets: Goal, Whyte (capt.); backs, Spencer and Davidson; half backs, Connor, Northcott, Ritchie; forwards, Abbott, Harper, Peden, Oakes and Bate.

BASEBALL.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2. Deg. 5 a.m. 33 Mean.... 37 Noon. 42 Highest.... 42 5 p.m. 40 Lowest.... 32

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

6 a.m.2 miles north.

Noon.4 miles north.

5 p.m.3 miles north.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Sunshine—18 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.... 30.248

Corrected.... 30.283

NEW WESTMINSTER. Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.... 30.24

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THE DUDE RANCH SOLD.

Once Noted as a Plant for the Reformation of Eastern Young Men.

Many a son of well-to-do family in the East will read with interest the announcement that the Eaton ranch at Modena, N. D., once well known as the "duke ranch," has been sold. The purchaser of this property is a New Yorker.

The ranch is situated at the crossing of the Little Missouri river, along what is known as the Custer trail. The first owners, the Eatons, came from Pittsburg.

For a number of years they engaged in the buying of wild animals, such as bear, elk and deer, for Eastern parks and menageries. It was a profitable occupation, buffalo being carried for a time as a side line.

While one of the Eatons was paying a visit to his home in the East an old friend asked him, as a personal favor to take charge of his younger son, a wayward youth, in the hope that in the West, away from metropolitan temptations, he might make man of himself. Eaton readily agreed.

Dated 12th January, 1904.

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Victoria, B. C.

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Provincial Legislature

Proposal to Establish a Provincial University Provokes Lively Debate.

W. W. B. McInnes Gives Copious Discourse of Cold Water.

Victoria Majority Bill Passed and Receives the Royal Assent.

February 2, 1904.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock p.m.

PETITIONS.

The Hon. Mr. Fulton presented fifteen petitions from residents of Victoria, Vancouver, Chilliwack, New Westminster, Golden, Port Hardman, Squamish, Agassiz, Quesnel, Comox, Nanaimo, Duncan, Revelstoke, Ladner and Kamloops, asking for amendments to the game laws.

Laid on the table.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Hon. The Premier presented further correspondence in connection with the report submitted to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by the Hon. Chas. Wilson and the Hon. R. F. Green, on their mission to Ottawa as a delegation from the Province of British Columbia.

B. C. UNIVERSITY.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Bowser, it was resolved that in a well-thought-out speech in which he eloquently pointed out the advantages of having a university established here.

He was followed by several other speakers who briefly commended the proposal and announced themselves strongly in favor of the motion.

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Mr. Cameron complimented the Premier upon his eloquent address, but could not see the point of the Premier's joke that Victoria or Vancouver did not want a university. Mr. Cameron with great eloquence and ability endeavored to discuss Victoria's claims to the establishment. He believed in plenty of educational facilities. He was confident that British Columbia would soon be up to the university question. A step in the right direction had been made in establishing the normal school. He complimented the mover of the resolution.

Mr. Macgowan supported the resolution. He considered Vancouver to be the most suitable place for the university, owing to Vancouver's splendid showing in scholastic affairs. The people of this province were always willing to spend money freely on education. At present British Columbia students for universities had to travel a long way to attend those institutions.

Mr. Peterson ridiculed the idea of Vancouver being the site of a university. A town that could not get Supreme Court judges to reside in it was surely not fit for the purposes of a university.

Mr. Macgowan wanted no tin pot universities in this province. The modern university was an exceedingly expensive institution to run; and it was practically impossible for British Columbia to have such a university. That there was needed a population to make it pay. Higher education is in the nature of a luxury. This province, however, had not enough practical education in the province. It was a sad and extraordinary thing that the High school pupils before he could cope with the practical daily life of the world in shop or office he had to attend a so-called business college or night school to fit him for these things of a work-a-day world. It would be time enough to talk about universities when we had a thoroughly practical education here. The educational system of the country was on line with tended to produce candidates for the professions; about 5 per cent of the pupils here went into the professional ranks, the remainder into the practical walks of life.

Mr. Brown (Greenwood) thought it was useless to shut the eyes to the insuperable obstacles in the way of establishing such an institution as a university, which was so enormously expensive to found and maintain.

Mr. King also spoke in general terms favoring the resolution.

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bowser moved the following resolution:

That the report of the select committee appointed to inquire into the working of the British Columbia Immigration Act, presented on the 28th day of January, be adopted.

He reviewed the case from the beginning, when Mr. Oliver moved his resolu-

tion.

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